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GROUP 3682  
PATENT APPLICATION

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In response to the Office Action dated October 29, 2003, please consider the following.